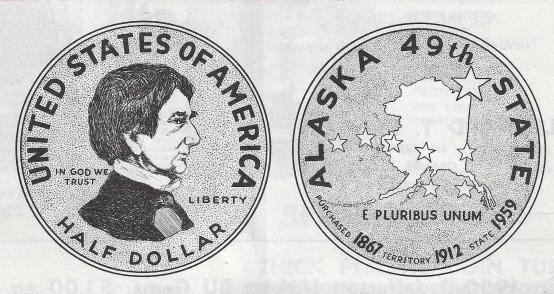
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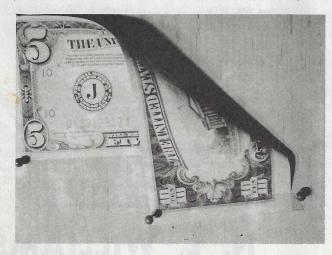
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FROM YOUR EDITOR'S DESK

Our first words this month are, A Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year from your editor and staff of the

Coin Press to all our readers and advertisers.

With this issue we will be dealing with another publishing house. Our last printer made a number of errors and caused our November issue to come out late. We have received a number of letters from our readers telling of the lateness or no arrival at all. We hope to correct this.

We received word from Stanley Bright, our columnist on medals that he is ill and will probably miss a few issues until

he is feeling better.

A new addition has been added, we recently purchased a jet black Cocker Spaniel. He is 3 months old and registered as

"Ebony Coin Press."

November 10th, your Editor was invited to give a talk on coins at the Ampere Seniors Citizens Club of East Orange, N. J. at the invitation of the President, George H. Warwick. Not being a speaker I managed to get through about 1½ hours of explaining the art of coin collecting and its values. This group is composed of retired businessmen. A notice to the members of this coming talk had many with old and odd coins on hand for appraisal. Among these lots, one member had a 1932 D Quarter in AU and a 1884 Canadian 5c. Others had continental notes, foreign coins and early U. S. One member, a Mr. Stewart, related how he was a guide at the Chicago Expedition in 1892 when I mentioned the Columbian Comm Half Dollar. He related meeting the famous Mrs. Hurst of the Hurst Publishing Company. There were over 50 members in attendance.

Big Joe's Happiness Exchange, the WABC Radio Program was recently bequeathed over \$1,000,000 by the late widow of a former General Motors Vice President. Another of our talks were given by Nicholas Salimbene and myself. We were happy to hear from one of our readers, Mr. Lakeland of N. Y. who happened to be listening in. We were privileged to be on with the famous singing star Miss Joni James. Joni is the chairman of the fund "Operation Reindeer" to help disabled vets in hospitals throughout the country to be home for the holidays, which some can't afford the traveling expenses. This fund already has helped hundreds of veterans. Her time and singing over the air was contributed free. If you wish to help this cause, send your donations or odd coins to Miss Joni James, c/o Happiness Exchange, 226 W. 42nd Street, New York, N. Y.

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The Coin Hobby continues to boom — To date, the Coin

Hobby enjoys its greatest boom yet; prices are soaring, thousands of new collectors are joining the ranks and also new clubs. The biggest demand to date has been rolls of types, proof sets and mint sets. It appears to me its the modern demand from new collectors and speculators. What seemed high prices yesterday is todays bargains which were mentioned in this column many times. All I can say for the present, is, buy! The 1950 D Nickel, I predict with a sound economy it will hit \$400.00 within 2 years. All Jefferson Series up, practically all series and type coins to climb. The 1882 Liberty Nickel pattern nickel and off metal to go as high as \$2,500. The 1936 Dot Cent \$7,000. The rare will become rarer and the common will become scarce. As long as you can afford it and our economy continues to climb, I say buy. The increased new collectors demand for coins are causing the whole market to zoom. My only caution is, don't spend more than you can afford.

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EAGLES OF AMERICAN COINAGE

By STARR GILMORE

Had Benjamin Franklin had his way, which most fortunately he did not, our national bird would have been a turkey instead of an eagle. This fact, duly recorded in most of our history books, has been largely forgotten by the majority of us.

In presenting his argument in favor of the turkey, he stated that it was a distinctively American bird which the eagle was not. He also argued that eagles played a too prominent role among European nations who had selected it to represent them. And he finally declared that a dishonest bird was unworthy of consideration. Such were the points that his argument was based on. Let us briefly consider them.

Nobody will deny that the turkey is distinctively an American bird and so there is no dispute on that score. But to have such a bird representing us on our coinage, as would necessarily have been the case, must have struck more than a few as being slightly absurd. Part of his argument about European nations is acceptable. His last point is another thing although it does prove that he was a keen observer.

A great man is no authority in all fields of knowledge and Benjamin Franklin was not an expert ornithologist. He had noticed that the bald eagles were fond of fish which they appropriated from luckless ospreys and that is why he called them dishonest birds. It is only fair to point out that bald eagles cannot fish as the ospreys do and it is for this reason that the latter are victimized. And finally, the bald eagle is distinctively an American bird and is not to be confused with the golden eagle of Europe.

To the great distress of many of us, our national bird is becoming more or less a thing of the past. Once found in almost every part of the country, they are now found in Florida in greatest numbers. For at least some period of time, Alaska had a bounty on them, and a more reprehensible thing is difficult to imagine. I sincerely trust that this situation no longer exists.

Our first American coinage eagles look like something out of a bad dream for the birds depicted leave one with the unfortunate impression that they had been on a prolonged diet, or worse yet, that a condition of famine had struck the country. In this instance, particular reference is made to the 1795 small eagle design of the \$5.00 coin. Other pieces of earlier mintage are equally poor and do us small credit. Why is this so? The reasons are obvious to anyone who stops to think.

National pride being what it is, we depended on home grown talent and there was a scandalous lack of the article at that time. Canada got off much better because all of her official early coinage is the work of expert English designers. Had any suggestion been made that we follow such an example, the resulting outcry would have given pause to the boldest. And anyone suggesting such a thing would have been lucky to get off with a whole skin. Further, our earlier point of view was utilitarian rather than artistic.

Heraldic eagles show the same distressing want of skill and imagination. The 1798 silver dollar reverse is an example of what I am criticizing. But as might be supposed, a situation of this kind could not indefinitely endure and we finally reached the point where we had designers who could turn out beautiful work. Therefore our later coins which depict an eagle are very different from those of earlier days.

Gobrecht did very fine work on the flying eagle of his pattern dollar and it is a great pity that more of them were not minted. It is an even greater pity that his dollar was not immediately adopted for one of general circulation. And rather notable is the fact that nearly all of our best eagle design coins show this magnificent bird in flight. Artistic imagination would appear more greatly stimulated by this situation.

Not quite so good, but certainly not poor, is the flying eagle cent piece and I equally regret that it was not adopted for general

usage. I have no complaint to register against the Indian cent; it is merely that I like the flying eagle better.

St. Gaudens double eagle design is considered by some to be our most beautiful coin. Its design is one of the very few cases in which we saw fit to employ an outstanding artist for such work. I am very much inclined to agree that it is our most beautiful coin for the reason that it has an obverse fully the equal of the reverse and I think it will be generally granted that this situation is not too common. There is certainly no doubt that it is a vast improvement over the coin which it succeeded.

Another strikingly beautiful flying eagle coin is the quarter dollar that began with 1916. In brilliant uncirculated condition it is one of the finest pieces ever struck and has an honorable place in any collection. That its earlier relief was bad, and that it was botched generally, is a matter of regret to all of us. Misjudgment of the relief made it wear so badly that very few coins indeed have been picked up out of circulation for placement in collections. The eagle which succeeded it in 1932 fails to enlist my enthusiasm even though it is not a bad design.

Fine work is further evidenced in the eagle of the 1916 half dollar. And this coin is also fortunate in having an obverse of excellent design. As far as reverse artistry is concerned, there is very little to choose between it and the quarter of the same year.

Our last coin for general circulation of eagle design, the dollar of Francisci, shows no falling off of excellence. Depicted in repose, the national bird represents us as a symbol of strength and power. The majesty and dignity of the eagle is turned to full advantage by the artist.

Unquestionably the worst example is to be seen in the Bridgeport, Connecticut Centennial half dollar. It surely is one of the minor blessings that it is more or less in the background and is not seen by too many. If a futuristic eagle, which I suppose it to be, then we can only be glad that it belongs to the future and is not of the present. Of all our coins, it surely is least entitled to respect and I fail to see how it does us credit of any kind. Indeed, I even think it does harm to the series in which it appears because it looks out of place. However poor the earlier coins may be, they are at least attempts to depict a real eagle and not something the average of us finds quite impossible to imagine. But in spite of the fact that I look upon it with such dislike, the design must have been liked by some person or persons else it never would have appeared on a coin. And of course, there is such a thing as difference of taste.

Most commonly known to the world is our heraldic eagle of the Morgan dollar. I have always been enthusiastic about this design and the passing years have not dimmed it in my esteem. A great credit to our nation, it has represented us in no unworthy manner. This coin shows classical influence of the best kind and the well executed obverse lives up to the standard of the reverse.

Arrows held by the eagle as a symbol of war remind me of an early episode in our history which may faintly have influenced the design. In the early days of New England a disgruntled Indian tribe sent some arrows with a rattlesnake skin tied about them to their white brothers as a grim warning of displeasure. A prompt return of the skn was made and it was well stuffed with shot and powder. Nothing followed the exchange of pleasantries and the Indians understood well enough what the return implied. In more ordinary usage we think of a sword as the symbol of war and not arrows. However, both are equally good.

I have offered some criticism of our coinage. It should be understood that no nation on earth has a record of nothing but beautiful coins. We have had our successes and our failures and the former outnumber the latter in good degree. If I had to pick coinage showing sustained artistic success, then I would choose the coins struck by the Athenian Greeks.

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COMMEMORATIVE COIN FOR OUR 49th STATE

Designed and Written by Robert A. Johnson

In the interest of numismatics, Alaska, to which this idea of a commemorative half dollar is dedicated, became our 49th state July 4, 1959.

The entry of Alaska into the Union was announced by a proclamation issued in December, 1958, by President Eisenhower. On July 4, 1959, another state was added to the United States flag.

The portrait on the obverse of this coin is of William Henry Seward. His most important service to the United States during his term as Secretary of State, from 1861 to 1869, was the purchase of Alaska from Russia in 1867 for \$7,200,000. Alaska became a territory of the United States in 1912 by Act of Congress.

Seward was born at Florida, New York, May 16, 1801. Trained for the bar, he graduated from Union College in 1820. He displayed such strong political abilities that he went from the state senate to the governorship, then to the United States Senate. When the Whig political party was dissolved, he joined the new Republican party. Defeated in 1860 by Lincoln as presidential candidate, he became Secretary of State, continuing in that office under President Andrew Johnson. During the period of the Civil War, he displayed marked ability, particularly in matters of diplomacy with Great Britain, and in invoking the Monroe Doctrine concerning French intervention in Mexico.

On the obverse, composing the legend, are the words, "Alaska 49th State." Alaska is an area of over 586,400 square miles which is 1/5 as large as the other 48 states combined. It gets it's name from the language of the Aleuts. Al-ay-ek-sa, which means great land or mainland. Although more than twice the size of Texas, its population is less than ½ that of Rhode Island. Since 1867, Alaska's forests, waters, and mines have yielded products worth billions of dollars; yet its resources have scarcely been tapped.

The device on the reverse of the coin, is the map of Alaska with the stars of the Big Dipper, and the North Star. The stars are from the flag of Alaska which is dark blue with eight gold stars showing the Big Dipper and the North Star.

Below the device on the reverse, is the motto, "E Pluribus Unum" . . . "One composed of many," now 49.

In the exergue on the reverse is found, "Purchased 1867 Territory 1912, State 1959." May our 49th State always be as the mottos on the obverse of the coin state . . . Conceived in Liberty and Trusting in God.

(Editor's Note). If you like the idea of the commemorative Half shown, send your letters to me. These letters will be forwarded to Washington for their approval. We hope other Numismatic Publications follow the same procedure, possibly we can have some new issues for the collector in the future.

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Horace Hammel of Linfield, Pa. submitted the above photo which shows a double liberty and date, the shoulder and head is also double struck.

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1959 DARK NICKEL

Recent inquiries showed many collectors were concerned about the off color of this nickel.

John Martin of Philadelphia, Pa., writes he inquired at the mint and was told they were the first ones struck and the color was due to some alloy used. Since then, whatever the error, it has been corrected. Mr. Martin was wondering if anyone else knew of any thing about it.

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"ENGLAND TO HAVE A SMALLER PENNY"

It is reported that England may reduce their large size copper penny down to a small size along with the British Half Penny. Due to the lack of usefulness for the large penny which can no longer buy anything of value on the market, it is felt that all that extra weight is being carried around in peoples pockets for nil. The rise in cost of what the penny would at one time buy, is causing a lot of extra pennies to be carried with ones change, which means that the additional weight is not to the publics liking. It has been estimated that there are 1½ billion pennies in circulation - weighing in the neighborhood of 14,000 tons. All that is needed to materialize the smaller penny is Parlimentary approval, which at the moment seems far from reality. It seems in this writers opinion the change would be welcomed as the cost of producing ore is the equivalent of about three to one of ours, a savings on metal, expenses and handling. I for one would like to see this come about. The darn things are taking up too much room in my coin box as it is.

"NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'T"

By Harold Schornstein

Coin Collectors, if you want to get rich you must turn you money over. A collector from Lynbrook, New York, turned over this five dollar bill and lo and behold it became ten dollars.

Seriously though, to the collector of paper money the rarest and most expensive "freak note" one can have in his collection is a double denomination note. This is a note with a different denomination on the reverse than the denomination on the obverse Because of the seal and serial numbers on the obverse the true denomination comes from the obverse, therefore, the note in the above illustration is a five dollar bill with an erroneous ter dollar reverse.

This can happen at the Bureau of Printing and Engraving by a sheet falling on the floor and being picked up and put back on a pile being fed into a different press, or by any number of human errors that are possible as the bills are printed and stacked to dry in various and numerous operations. The rarity is not if the bill being printed erroneously as it has been. The odd part is how can such an obvious error escape the careful eyes of the various examiners at the Bureau of Printing and Engraving and be sent out and put into circulation.

These are things that will probably never be accounted for explained.

The above note is one note from a sheet of twelve notes that are in circulation. There is an added note of interest to this bil as it came from a hoard of eight notes, shown at the Penn-Ohic Convention this year by the noted "Walter Breen," one note if the series mysteriously vanished and has not been found as yet It is the same in all respects to the illustrated, except that the missing note bears the serial number J43312823A. The where abouts of this note will be appreciated by getting in touch with Walter Breen or the editor of this magazine.

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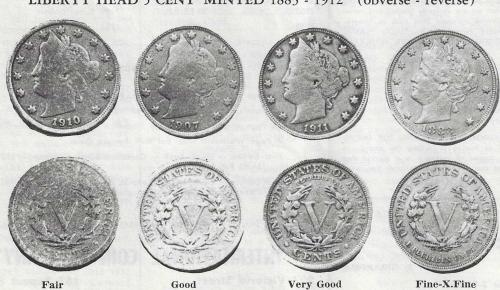


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He was born in Armenia in 1918, when the people of his country, deeply Christians in spirit, suffered the persecutions and killings of the Turkish, who reached the limits of cruelty. His family emigrated, as did many others, to Greece, a country that offered them generous hospitality; a few years later they travelled to the city of Buenos Aires, intending to settle and live there permanently. Thus, he considers the Argentine as his adopted country. From the age of nine he attended the local schools, completing his education with the intensive study of Numismatics, a science he deeply loves and one that he has always tried to make known and appreciated, even when he was a boy.

When he was twelve he went to the attic to look for a book he needed, in an old trunk, he found, within a travel-folder of a shipping agency, four Greek coins, that he had put away without thinking about it any more. But the following day, he doesn't know why, he wanted to look at them again and due to some mysterious impulse his life took from then on a new direction, which he hopes to keep forever.

"Something" made him wonder; could he possibly build a collection of other coins like these, from all countries of the world? He soon began to pester all clients who came to his father's shop; if they were foreigners he would ask them for coins from their countries.

A few years later, when he was in high school, he talked the matter over with his history teacher, and was told to go on, as numismatics was a truly worthwhile hobby. As he grew up he tried to delve deeper and deeper, but found a serious difficulty; the lack of a book in Spanish (the only language he spoke then), where he could find the chief knowledge and information about Numismatics. It was then that he decided to write a handbook, to help others as well as himself. Gathering the knowledge he already had and new information that came his way, his dream came true; it took three years of hard work but finally, in 1944, "Monedalandia" appeared and was recognized for what it actually was: the only handbook available at that time in all Argentina. It met with great success throughout South America. The interest it stirred had many consequences, among them the renaissance of Numismatics in Argentina in its second period, which had begun palely around 1934. Three months after publication, the first edition was out of print, the second appeared soon afterwards. He was responsible for Argentina having its first commemorative coin: 100th Anniversary of the Death of San Martin, having designed and fighting for its acceptance, and finally, released in 1950.

He is a member of the A. N. A. No. 27217, C. N. A., Correspondent of the Sociedad Numismatica de Mejico, Honorary Member of the Sociedad Numismatica de Puebla (Mejico) and Founding Member of the Asociacion Numismatica Argentina.

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Silver	Phila.	Denver
Half Dollars\$	6,844,000	\$ 11,882,760
Quarter Dollars	21,364,000	47,699,776
Dimes	68,000,000	151,161,970
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CARSON CITY COINS

By Starr Gilmore

Some of the possibilities in the way of collecting Carson City coins will be pointed out in this article. I am not going to suggest that anybody should collect all of the coins by their various dates for the obvious reason that doing a thing of this kind would entail the outlay of an impressive sum of money.

For example, the gold coins are confined to the half eagles, eagles, and double eagles, and all three are represented by 19 mintage years each, which makes a total of 57 pieces. Half eagles are 709,617 in number; eagles 299,778; and double eagles head the list with 864,178. The total of Carson City gold coins is 1,873,573 and can hardly be considered an impressive number. Nevertheless, the small mintages being considered, the gold coins do command a more moderate price than one might suppose. Why is this so?

It is so for the reason that very few collectors have had either the means or wish to enter this field on anything but a small scale. Also, the other mints, and New Orleans is included, put the same gold coins out in large numbers and there is thus a basis of competition.

If anything, trying to collect the 50 silver coins by dates would be a meaner task than the gold pieces. Several of the dimes and quarters have awe inspiring prices and the 1876 twenty cent piece is definitely in the impossible class since about only 6 specimens are known.

Common sense would amply indicate that a twenty cent piece would never succeed and that it should never have been issued. But alas, common sense is not as common as it is supposed to be. The coin was justifiably resented from the beginning because it was naturally confused with the quarter and caused trouble. Newfoundland used such a piece without difficulty. However, no other coin of similar size was at hand to make trouble and the few quarters that came in from Canada and the United States were instantly recognized. Being about as welcome as a visitation of small pox, the twenty cent piece was soon hustled out of existence with none so poor to do it reverence.

Because it was unpopular, the coin was largely forgotten and ignored and a later generation finds it among the scarcer items. For some unexplained reason, it was left to San Francisco to do practically the whole mintage and Carson City and Philadelphia played only minor roles. In this curious instance, the proofs of 1877 and 1878 are cheap and easy things compared to the 1876 of Carson City, a situation of unusual kind.

From all that has been stated, the reader might suppose that the difficulties make the game hardly worth the candle. But such is by no manner of means the case if a different kind of collecting is used that can be considered. I do not pretend that it is original with me. Indeed, many others must have employed it in various ways.

Let us take the year 1875. This year has been chosen because it represents the greatest possibility, together with about as few difficulties, of getting together a representative collection of Carson City coins.

A dime of this year is represented by the very respectable mintage of 4,645,000 pieces. In fact, considered by number (20,901,108) Carson City minted more dimes than any other denomination and they are well above the better known dollars. Because Nevada and California were both high priced places, most of the dime mintage found more profitable employment on the Atlantic side. So the dime is within reason.

This brings us to the twenty cent of 1875 with its 133,290 mintage. It is true enough that it will cost more than its San Francisco sister, but it is also worth more and is the only escape from the 1876.

Quarters of 1875 have the figure of 140,000 and are well within the realm of possibility. Unfortunately, the greatest mintage year of nearly 5,000,000 is 1876. However, nothing prevents the collector from using it. No consideration is being given the with and without arrows types, a thing also up to the individual collector.

Our situation brightens with the half. We now have the third largest mintage in this series (1.008,000) and can afford to ignore the more difficult. The Liberty Head type could have been minted by Carson City, but the halves came to an end in 1878 and other pieces were concentrated upon.

No 1875 dollar was minted and choice of a year in the dollar series is left to the collector. Many of the dollars are quite inexpensive and can readily be obtained in beautiful condition. I once embarked upon a search for Carson City dollars in bank rolls and after a great deal of time and trouble finally found one 1890. A bank employee assured me that others looked for them also, a fact which my experience amply confirmed.

Carson City trade dollars of the year are represented by 1,573,700 coins, not the largest issue, but still one of fair size, and actually the biggest for the mint of this particular coin. San Francisco monopolized the trade dollars in great degree and Philadelphia is only a poor third.

Half eagles range from a low of 6,887 (1876) to the 208,000 high of 1891. This being true, the 11,828 of 1875 is about as good as any of the years. Unless the number happens to be exceptionally low, there is no great variation in price.

Eagles are more difficult. They range from a low of 1,762 (1879) to the 103,732 high of 1891. The 1875 boasts the figure of 7,715, and low as it is, seven other years are lower yet. This is one of the years in which Carson City outdid her sister mint since Philadelphia put out only 120. San Francisco minted no eagles in this year.

Double eagles compromise between the two gold coins previously considered. Contrary to what one might suppose, their total mintage ran into a truly huge figure and they were at one time very widely used in the West. The Carson City low is 3,789 and the high is 138,441. Of course, no double eagle of today is a cheap coin and the old days that saw them in circulation are probably gone forever.

A Carson City collection of coins such as I have outlined, one coin of each denomination issued would have one unique distinction; that is, the collector would know the exact source of the gold and silver that went into them. I refer to the fact that all coins of this mint had their origin in the mines of the Comstock Lode. Had it been desired, gold and silver mined one day in the Comstock could have been turned into coins on the succeeding day and placed in circulation. Although this may not fascinate others, it is a thing which has always fascinated me. But rarely can we give the exact source of the metal in our coins.

However, two other situations are of similar nature. The gold coins that have "Cal" stamped on them are the first instance. And of course, all the private gold mintage of California and several other places have the same history. But there has been only one Comstock and the possibility of another is extremely poor. And probably it is just as well for we wouldn't know what to do with one if we had it.

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Note: This coin is very scarce	in this	1924-S, VF
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Note: This coin a great rarity		1927-S, fine
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Numismatic Association of Southern California. Fifth annual convention. February 18-20, 1960. Statler Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif. General Chairman, C. A. Dunbar, 937 S. La Bresa Ave., Inglewood, Calif.

Penn - Ohio Spring Convention, Deshler-Hilton, Columbus, Ohio, March 18, 19 & 20, 1960. Bourse Chairman, Fred Kern, 2625 Ferris Road, Columbus 24, Ohio.

N. J. Coin Clubs Convention. Host club, the Garfield Stamp & Coin Club, March 26, 1959, 9 A.M. - 10 P.M. at the Paterson YMCA, Paterson, N. J. Chairmen David Rubin; Co-Chairman, James A. Brown, 227 Waverly Ave., Newark, N. J.

Nebraska Numismatic Association. Fifth annual convention, April 1-3, 1960. Hotel Pathfinder, Fremont, Neb. Elmer G. Nelson, Secretary-Treasurer, 3126 Shirley Ct., Lincoln 5, Neb.

National Coin Week. April 24-30, 1960. E. I. "'Jack" Rand, 514 S. 11th St., Tacoma 5, Wash., General Chairman.

Central States Numismatic Society. Eighteenth annual convention, April 29-May 1, 1960. Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Mich. Paul F. Schilling, General Chairman, 17304 Lahser Road, Detroit 19, Mich.

Metropolitan New York Numismatic Convention. May 6-8, 1960. Park Sheraton Hotel, Seventh Ave. and Fifty-sixth St., New York City. Edward Janis, General Chairman, 10 Manor House Dr., Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.

Indiana State Numismatic Association. Second annual convention, May 20-22, 1960. Van Orman Hotel, Fort Wayne, Ind. General Chairman, Kenneth L. Hallenback, Jr., 4028 Mound Pass, Fort Wayne, Ind.

American Numismatic Association. 69th annual convention. Statler Hotel, Boston, Mass. Aug. 21-26, 1960. James F. Clapp, Jr., General Chairman. 20 Bellevue Ave., Cambridge 40, Mass.

New England Numismatic Association. Sixteenth annual conference and convention. October, 1960. Sheraton - Biltmore Hotel, Providence, R. I. Clifford F. Howe, Permanent Secretary, 8 Nelson Pl., North Grafton, Mass. Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association. Eighth annual convention. October 21-23, 1960. May-flower Hotel, Washington, D. C. Chairman, F. C. Schneider, 1353 Iris St., N.W., Washington, D. C.



WAR SAVINGS STAMPS STILL GOOD

Michael P. Pinder of Sheridan, Wyoming writes what is the value of the above stamp. A collector of stamps and coins for 8 years he recently showed his fellow collector his collection for possible swap when this war stamp showed up. It appears to me if you bought this stamp in January, 1918 it would cost \$4.12 and so on each month a cent more, in December 1959 it would total \$4.23. It would then be payable for \$5.00 as of January. 1923. Now if Michael could find an envelope full of these stamps he's in!



November 18, 1959

Coin Press Magazine 231 North 18th Street East Orange, N. J.

I would like to report the following facts in going through over \$200 in cents in a two month period: The most common mint error was the 1957-d, filled lower half of the "B", it was closely followed by the filled "9" in 1956 cents. (33-26).found only one 1955-s in the whole batch. This was very surprising to me. In the past four years I have found only 7 of them in many hundreds of dollars of cents. It either shows that most are being held out of circulation (hoarded) by collectors and dealers or they are scarce. (By the \$7.50 a roll price I would say both. (Please don't get excited over my many typing errors - it takes many years of practice to achieve this quality of mistakes and you should see my hand writing.) I would also like to mention that four years ago, when I started collecting, I found 2 1914-d's in vg and fine, and one 1909-s-vdb in fine. All were found within two months, but nothing, absolutely nothing, since. Well, its getting late so only one more thing - a friend of mine in 1956 sold me six vg-f 1914-d's for only \$5.00 each. A once in a life-time buy.

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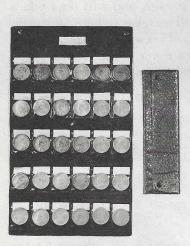
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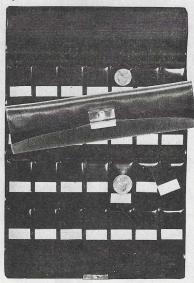
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